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Office Action Summary

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ASAI ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/20/2001.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

I. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rogers et al. (US 6,064,651) hereinafter Rogers.

1. Regarding claim 1 – Rogers discloses an ATM system which comprises a communication apparatus having a plurality of input and output ports for handling a fixed-length packet, refer to Figures 1 and 2 and column 1 lines 40 to 65 and column 2 lines 19 to 53 and column 8 lines 30 to 40 and column 9 lines 30 to 52.

Rogers discloses wherein for each of a first and a second connections identified by an identifier of said fixed-length packet from said input port, a time interval, during which said fixed-length packet is output, is controlled so that the time interval becomes equal to or longer than a given interval, refer to Figures 4 and 5 and column 3 lines 30 to 45 and column 4 lines 42 to 50 and column 5 lines 50 to 63 and column 6 lines 45 to 67 and column 7 lines 1 to 29.

2. Regarding claims 2 and 6 – Rogers discloses wherein during the time when a fixed-length packet having a first value as an identifier of said first connection is required to be transmitted to said output port, fixed-length packet having a second value as an identifier of said first connection can be transmitted to an output port according to predetermined rules, refer to Figures 4 and 5 and column 11 lines 63 to 67 and column 12 lines 1 to 43 and column 13 lines 13 to 25 and column 13 lines 50 to 67 and column 14 lines 1 to 21.

3. Regarding claims 3 and 7 – Rogers discloses wherein during the time when fixed-length packet having a first value as an identifier of said second connection is required to be transmitted to said output port, a fixed-length packet having a second value as an identifier of said second connection can be transmitted to an output port according predetermined rules, refer to Figures 4 and 5 and column 11 lines 63 to 67 and column 12 lines 1 to 43 and column 13 lines 13 to 25 and column 13 lines 50 to 67 and column 14 lines 1 to 21.

4. Regarding claim 4 – Rogers discloses a first means for accumulating said fixed-length packet from said input port, refer to Figure 1 and column 6 lines 45 to 67 and column 8 lines 30 to 40.

Rogers discloses a second means for identifying a first and second connections by an identifier of said fixed-length packet from said input port, refer to Figure 1 and column 3 lines 30 to 40 and column 8 lines 30 to 40.

Rogers discloses a third means for controlling a time interval, during which said fixed-length packet accumulated in said first means is read, so that the time interval becomes equal to or longer than a given interval, for each of said first connection and said second connection, refer to Figures 4 and 5 and column 3 lines 30 to 45 and column 4 lines 42 to 50 and column 5 lines 50 to 63 and column 6 lines 45 to 67 and column 7 lines 1 to 29.

5. Regarding claim 5 – Rogers discloses wherein said third means controls a time interval, during which said fixed-length packet accumulated in said first means is read, using a transmission interval and a delay variation value that have been predefined for said fixed-length packet, refer to Figures 4 and 5 and column 3 lines 30 to 45 and column 4 lines 42 to 50 and column 5 lines 50 to 63 and column 6 lines 45 to 67 and column 7 lines 1 to 29 and column 10 lines 48 to 65 and column 11 lines 20 to 45 and column 12 lines 44 to 67 and column 13 lines 1 to 25.

6. Regarding claim 8 – Rogers discloses a communication apparatus having plurality of input and output ports for handling a fixed-length packet, refer to Figure 1 and column 6 lines 45 to 67 and column 8 lines 30 to 40.

Rogers discloses a controller for determining transmission scheduled time of each said fixed-length packets according to predetermined rules for a connection identified by an identifier the fixed-length packet from said input port, refer to Figures 4 and 5 and column 3 lines 30 to 45 and column 4 lines 42 to 50 and column 5 lines 50 to 63 and column 6 lines 45 to 67 and column

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7 lines 1 to 29 and column 10 lines 48 to 65 and column 11 lines 20 to 45 and column 12 lines 44 to 67 and column 13 lines 1 to 25.

7. Regarding claim 9 – Rogers discloses wherein said controller determines said transmission scheduled time, using transmission interval and delay variation value that have been predefined for said fixed-length packet, refer to Figures 4 and 5 and column 3 lines 30 to 45 and column 4 lines 42 to 50 and column 5 lines 50 to 63 and column 6 lines 45 to 67 and column 7 lines 1 to 29 and column 10 lines 48 to 65 and column 11 lines 20 to 45 and column 12 lines 44 to 67 and column 13 lines 1 to 25.

8. Regarding claim 10 – Rogers discloses wherein said controller selects a first connection when the transmission scheduled time has come and said controller selects a second connection if there is no fixed-length packet connection to be transmitted for said first connection, refer to Figure 3 and column 6 lines 46 to 62 and column 10 lines 18 to 33 and column 11 lines 20 to 62.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Cukier et al. (US 6,175,570 B1) discloses a method and an apparatus for shaping the output traffic in a fixed length cell switching network node.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou, can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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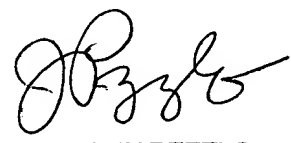
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